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ALLAN F. WILLIS ET AL.  
Serial No.: 09/741,730

Filed: DECEMBER 19, 2000

For: SEALING VALVE ASSEMBLY FOR  
MEDICAL PRODUCTS

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) Art Unit: 3763

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The present Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2002,  
in the above captioned application. Please enter the following Amendment:

**ELECTION/RESTRICTION**

Election was required between Species A (Figs. 1-3, 4-7 and claims 1-7, 16-27)  
and Species B (Figs. 5, 8-10, and claims 8-15). Applicants affirm the provisional  
election made without traverse to prosecute the invention of Species A. However, upon  
further review of the application, it does not appear that Species A should include claims  
16 through 22. Claims 16 through 22 read on the embodiment of Fig. 10 and should  
thus be included with Species B.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that the proper claims for  
consideration under Species A are claims 1-17 and 23-27.

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